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3.

What was one of your most interesting experiences today?
The Receipt of your mail wasn't it?
To be sure for we all love to be entertained and there's a
wealth of news in the morning's mail.

4.

Now it seems a simple thing doesn't it, the Postman's visit?
And yet about 100,000,000 Americans received their mail this
morning, on time.
That's what Uncle Sam does for two cents.

5.

The war has brought us many innovations among them of
course the "mail" woman.

6.

We're paying three cents for some of our stamps just now,
but of course you know the reason for that -----
2 cents to lick a stamp
1 cent to lick the Kaiser.
A good way to "stamp" out Prussianism.

7.

Once upon a time ye postman gathered his collections on foot.
But times have changed for now he cruises noiselessly through
his route in a faithful flivver.

8.

Think of it. YOU, and 999,999,999 Americans received their
mail this morning!
And this is the way it was done.

9.

Modern machinery has considerably added to Uncle Sam's efficiency.
The cancellation machine for example cancels thousands of letters
accurately and fast.

10. When the incoming mail reaches the Post Office the mail men's first job is to sort it into districts for the postmen.
11. There are all sorts of sorters, some are sorter fast and some are sorter slow, here is the right sort.
12. Of course you've tried to ring canes at a country fair, well when you need some practice thy this fellow's job.
13. Every piece of mail he tosses has to hit the mark or land in the sacks marked for different cities throughout the land.
14. Some of the sorting is a suffrage movement, young ladies performing the tasks as creditably as the "male" men.
15. It's not the easiest thing in the world to carry a big bundle of letters, beginners usually find this out.
16. The Postmen then take it in charge and sort it in detail for their several routes.
17. Uncle Jim has worked for Uncle Sam well nigh on to thirty years, so long in fact that they've grown to look somewhat alike as you will see.
18. With the advent of the "Parcel Post" the post office became at once a system of transportation as well as of communication. Farm produce and packages of all description are now handled by the postmen.
19. Uncle Sam is gradually filling the gap between "producer and consumer" and when he does the cost of living will come down.
20. Do you remember the "Pony Express," the first overland mail? Anyway you remember how well it was portrayed by "Buffalo Bill." How the Indians chased the coach and -----
21. While today in our big cities "Old Dobbin" has given way to the snorting motor truck.
22. In all we have about 56000 Postoffices throughout the length and breadth of the land while 34000 carriers are engaged in delivering your mail.
Quite a respectable army our mail men could muster.
23. And across the country shriek long steel trains linking the Hub with the Golden Gate.
24. You are all familiar with the Rural mail Carriers. Some of us meet them only on our summer vacations but they're always on the job and what you don't know is this -----
there are 42000 of them delivering mail rain or shine, hot or cold, each day in the good old U. S. A.
25. Not all of Uncle Sam's Post Offices are on shore, in fact one of his busiest stations is in the middle of the Detroit River where mail is delivered to steamers as they pass.

26. While on the little mail steamer a miniature post office is found "down below."
27. Here comes a big one.
28. Now it's no landlubber's job to come along side of a big steamer running full speed and put a package of mail aboard, but it's skilfully done by the marine Postmen.
29. The "Air Route" is Uncle Sam's fastest mail delivery. Assistant Postmaster Cashin of Detroit, delivers mail for Chicago to a government flier.

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